

## STATE NEWS

### FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Correspondents and Exchanges.

A new bank with a capital of \$25,000 has been organized at Dunn, to take the place of the two which recently failed there.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has agreed to erect a library building for the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro.

By reference to your almanac you will see that there are two full moons scheduled for March, one on the 1st and the other on the 31st. It is a very rare thing that two full moons ever occur in one month. According to the best information at hand, there have not been two full moons in the same month since October, 1865.—Waxhaw Weather Bureau.

Greensboro dispatch 23rd: The Board of Trustees of Greensboro Female College at to-night's session decided to devote the entire amount realized from the insurance of the College to paying off the bonded indebtedness. A finance committee is to pass upon all bills due, and collect outstanding dues, with C. H. Ireland chairman, Miss Nannie Lee Smith as treasurer, was appointed. Architects submitted plans for remodeled building.

Robbersonville News: If we are to judge from the large amount of fertilizers that are being hauled away from here, the farmers are getting ready for some pretty extensive farming and except to cultivate their crops more than ever before.—Eleven car loads of tobacco were shipped from here yesterday. There were 155 hogsheads in this shipment. This is probably the largest shipment made from this place on any one day during the season.

Col. Olds: Francis D. Winston arrived to-day from Bertie County, and says the farmers there are reveling in the very high prices of cotton and peanuts and arranging to plant large crops of both this year.—It is said that if ex-Governor Russell and ex-Senator Marion Butler succeed in winning the South Dakota bond suit and get the full amount claimed for principal and interest of all the bonds held by Schafer, of New York, they will get a fee of at least \$200,000. So says a Raleigh lawyer, who is in a position to know.

### Increase in Strawberry Acreage.

The increase of strawberry acreage here this season over last will be fully ten per cent, if not more. The present outlook from the condition of the plants is that the average yield per acre next year will be 25 per cent larger than last. The continued cold weather will doubtless be a blessing, as at this time last year we were picking berries and the fields were white with blossoms. This of course detracted from the yield last spring, and the quality and size of the berries. The acreage in dewberries has doubled this year over

last, although we had our first experience with dewberries in the spring of 1903. Unless all signs fail we shall average about two cars per day when the shipping season opens for dewberries alone. There will be a large increase in the Irish potato acreage here, I should say as much as 40 per cent in 1904 over 1903.—E. A. Perry, in Chadbourn Trucker.

### Receivership for the A. & N. C. Railroad.

The State will be somewhat startled by the information that Judge Purnell has granted a temporary receivership for the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad upon the application of Capt. K. S. Finch, formerly of Charlotte, now of New York, and that Capt. V. E. McBee has been appointed receiver. Argument will be heard on the first Monday in April, when it will be determined whether or not the receivership will be continued. Meantime information comes from Raleigh that application will be made to Judge Simonton to vacate it. We lack knowledge upon which to predicate an intelligent opinion about this proceeding, but it is certain that something ought to be done about this property. With the interests of the private stockholders the general public has nothing to do, though it is the understanding that a large majority of them desire that the road be leased or sold, in order that they may realize something on their investment; but the State being the owner of two-thirds of the stock, the operation or disposition of the property is everybody's business. Under conditions as they have existed up to this time, its future is hopeless. By universal testimony its management by President James A. Bryan, under the circumstances with which he has had to contend, could hardly have been improved upon; yet in his last annual report he stated that the road faces a crisis—that it has a bonded debt of \$325,000, a floating debt of \$60,000, needs locomotives and rolling stock of the value of \$160,000, not to speak of fifty miles of 60-pound rails, and that it only exists by the mercy of the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line, which could tie it up in a week and bankrupt it in less than six months. It would seem to be folly, in the face of this exhibit, made by its own president, to hold on to this hopeless incubance. Captain McBee last week made an offer to lease it for a term of seventy-five years at figures which meant about 5 per cent for the average period, to give 50 cents of the par value of the stock which might be for sale, and to build a branch line of fifty miles, increasing by that much the development of the State and bringing this much more railroad mileage in for taxation. It is the State's duty to get as much more than this as possible for this property, but this was a most excellent offer. Considering not only the road's unproductiveness but that it is in a state of decay, and a business man of ordinarily good judgment if con-

sulted upon it would probably say that if it could not have been raised it would have been well to accept it. Captain Finch alleges in his complaint that "under a favorable contract of lease, such as heretofore has been offered," the State would receive an annual average income of very nearly \$60,000 upon its stock in this road, and this is surely worth while. But that is neither here nor there, for that offer was withdrawn last Saturday and the sensational event of Wednesday, knowledge of which became public only yesterday, is the matter of interest now, and will continue to hold the State's attention until the matter of the receivership is finally determined—whether vacated or made permanent.—Charlotte Observer, 26th.

## THE MARKETS

### RALEIGH COTTON.

RALEIGH, Feb. 29, 1904.

Prices to-day	14 1/4 @ 14 1/2
Prices this date last year	9 7/8 @ 10
Receipts last week	18 bales
Receipts same week last year	220 bales
Receipts to date	12,897 bales
Receipts last year to date	18,492 bales

### CHARLOTTE COTTON.

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 29, 1904.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons:	
Good middling	14 3/8-16
Strict middling	14 1/4
Middling	14 1/2
Stains	12 1/4 @ 13 1/2

### WILMINGTON PRODUCE.

WILMINGTON, Feb. 29, 1904.

Peanuts, Prime, N. C., bu., 28 lbs.	90
" Extra Prime, N. C., bu.	95
" Fancy, Virginia, bu.	\$1 00
" Prime, Virginia, bu.	80
" Extra Prime, Virginia, bu.	85
" Fancy, Virginia, bu.	95
" Spanish	1.00
Corn, white, bu.	57 1/2 @ 60
N. C. bacon, hams, lb.	16 @ 16 1/2
" " shoulders	12 1/2
" " sides	12 1/2
Eggs, per dozen	23
Chickens, grown	25 @ 35
" spring	10 @ 22
Turkeys, lb.	12 1/2 @ 18
Beeswax	25 @ 26
Tallow	5 1/2 @ 6 1/2
Sweet potatoes, bu.	50 @ 55
Beef cattle, lb.	2 @ 3 1/2

### CHARLOTTE PRODUCE.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 29, 1904.

Chickens—spring	22
Eggs	22
Hens—per head	30 @ 35
Turkeys	13 @ 15
Corn	70 @ 75
Ducks	22 1/2
Wheat	\$1.00 @ 1.10
Wheat—seed	\$1.00 @ 1.40
Oats—feed	54 @ 56
Oats	70 @ 75
Rye	\$1.00
Hides—dry flint	10 @ 12
Hides—dry salt	8 @ 10
Hides—green, 25 and	6
Kips—green, 13 to 25	5
Calf skins, 5 to 12	50 @ 60
Calf skins, under 5	40 @ 50
Sheep skins, full wool	40 @ 60
Lamb skins	30 @ 45
Goat skins	15 @ 25
Tallow, No. 1 cakes	5
Tallow, No. 1 barrels	4 1/2
Beeswax No 1	25
Wool	14 @ 22

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